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STENT MANDREL SUPPORT AND METHOD FOR COATING

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Lamb:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed on October 4, 2006, which has a shortened statutory time to reply that ends on January 4, 2007.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 7.